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(Appointed 1st May, 1968)

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To the Chairman and Members of the Aspull Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Matthews and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of submitting to you the Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1968.

As in previous years it has been compiled in accordance with instructions from the Ministry of Health.

I would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude for the assistance and co-operation received from the Officers of the Council and particularly to Mr. Sutton, Public Health Inspector, for his unfailing support.

I also respectfully wish to offer to Members of the Council my appreciation for the courtesy and encouragement given to me at all times.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Matthews and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

J. H. ROBERTSON,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area: 1,906 acres.

Population (Census 1961): 6,740.

Estimated mid-1968 (Registrar General): 7,440.

Total Number of Houses: 2,630.

Rateable Value: £185,360.

Sum represented by Penny Rate: £750.

Aspull Urban District is situated some three miles north-east of Wigan and seven miles west of Bolton. The north-western portion of the area reaches to the greatest height above sea level (525 ft.) and from this point an uninterrupted view of the countryside for miles around may be obtained.

The present Urban District Council consisting of nine members governs the district, which is divided into three Wards. The Council, together with the Councils of the neighbouring Urban Districts of Hindley and Westhoughton, administer Borsdane Wood, through which runs the brook forming one of the natural boundaries of the Urban District.

The main industries are baking, weaving, tile manufacturing and agriculture. Several other smaller factories operate within the area.

VITAL STATISTICS

<i>Births</i>					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Live Births:	Legitimate	.....	.....	.....	76	68	144
.....	Illegitimate	.....	.....	.....	2	3	5
Still Births:	Legitimate	.....	.....	.....	2	1	3
	Illegitimate	.....	.....	.....	NIL	NIL	NIL
Live birth rates per 1,000 estimated population:							
Crude Rate	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.0		
Adjusted rate	.....	.....	.....	.....	19.6	(19.2)	
Area comparability factor	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.98		
Still birth rate per 1,000 total births	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	(19.6)	

DEATHS

Mortality rates per 1,000 estimated population:

Total (all forms):

Crude rate	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.2	
Adjusted rate	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.7	(21.9)
Area comparability factor	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.40	
Respiratory tuberculosis	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.13	(0.152)
Malignant neoplasms	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.21	

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births NIL

Death of Infants:

		<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Infant Mortality:	Legitimate	NIL	1	1
(deaths under 1 year of age)	Illegitimate	NIL	NIL	NIL
Neonatal Mortality:	Legitimate	NIL	NIL	NIL
(deaths under 4 weeks of age)	Illegitimate	NIL	NIL	NIL
Early Neonatal Mortality:	Legitimate	NIL	NIL	NIL
(deaths under 1 week of age)	Illegitimate	NIL	NIL	NIL
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births		7	(18)	
Neonatal Mortality rate per 1,000 live births		NIL	(12.3)	
Early Neonatal Mortality rate per 1,000 live births		NIL	(10.05)	
Perinatal Mortality (still births and deaths under 1 week of age) rate per 1,000 total births		20	(25)	

(The figure shown in parenthesis represent the respective rates for England and Wales.)

CANCER

Facilities for radium treatment are available to Aspull residents at the Radium Institute, Manchester, and at Wigan Infirmary, which for this purpose is a sub-clinic of the Manchester Centre.

Nine deaths (3 males and 6 females) were certified as due to cancer during the year.

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH AT VARIOUS AGES

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Age	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS										65—	75 & over
					1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—					
Tubercu.osis of Respiratory System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Malignant Neoplasm — Stomach	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Malignant Neoplasm — Lung, Bronchus	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Malignant Neoplasm — Breast	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Hypertensive Disease	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Other forms of Heart Disease	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Influenza	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Pneumonia	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Diseases of Musculo-skeletal System	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Congenital Anomalies	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
All Other Accidents	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	46	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	
	F	37	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

LABORATORY ARRANGEMENTS

Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Department of Bacteriology, Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan. Chemical analyses are undertaken by the County Analyst, County Hall, Preston. These arrangements are entirely satisfactory.

AMBULANCE ARRANGEMENTS

During the year non-infectious, infectious, accident and maternity cases were dealt with adequately by the Ambulance Service operated by the Lancashire County Council. The ambulances are stationed at Hindley and Standish.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

No action was taken by the Authority during the year, under Section 47 of this Act.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

A total of 87 cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year. This figure comprises 60 cases of measles, 20 cases of whooping cough, 2 cases of respiratory tuberculosis, 1 case of non-respiratory tuberculosis and 4 cases of infective jaundice.

The following table shows the number of cases of these diseases occurring within various age groups.

Food Poisoning—No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

Tuberculosis—The dispensary services under the control of the Regional Hospital Board and Aspull cases attend the Chest Clinic, Millgate, Wigan.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1968

TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED												
D I S E A S E	TOTAL CASES AT ALL AGES	AGE PERIODS — YEARS										
		0—	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10—	15—	25 and over	age unknown	
Whooping cough	20	NIL	1	5	6	2	6	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Measles (excluding rubella)	60	2	15	15	8	8	11	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Tuberculosis – Respiratory	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	1	NIL	NIL
Other	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL
Infective Jaundice	4	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	2	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following tables show the number of children resident in Aspull who were immunised and vaccinated during the year.

Children protected against	Primary		Re-inforcement	
	0-4 years	5-15 years	0-4 years	5-15 years
Diphtheria	175	19	131	136
Whooping Cough	171	13	6	5
Tetanus	175	19	131	136
Poliomylitis	146	18	1	105
Measles	91	70	NIL	NIL

Smallpox Vaccination	Primary		Re-vaccination	
	0-4 years	5-15 years	0-4 years	5-15 years
	97	4	NIL	NIL

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

T. SUTTON, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

DETAILS OF VISITS

Investigation of complaints	116	Betting Shops	.....	1
Re-inspection of notices	..... 202	Piggeries	.....	1
Housing Acts inspections	..... 14	Civic Amenities Act	.....	9
Supervision of refuse collection		Grocers Shops	.....	4
and disposal	..... 179	Licensed premises	.....	4
Rodent Control	..... 275	Bakeries	.....	1
Re: Petroleum Regulations	2	Mobile shops and hawkers	.....	2
Re: drainage	..... 11	Fish Friers	.....	2
Unwholesome premises—filthy		Butchers Shops	.....	5
and/or verminous	..... 11	School kitchens	.....	16
Demolition sites	..... 1	Shops (selling sugar confec-		
Improvement grants	..... 20	tionary, ice-cream)	.....	1
Caravans, gypsies and other		Sampling of water	.....	9
travellers	..... 7	Sampling of milk	.....	9
Outworkers premises	..... 1	Enquiries re: infectious disease		9
Re: tenancy of Council owned		Interviews	.....	232
dwellings	..... 211	Miscellaneous	.....	270
Schools	..... 3			
Noise Abatement Act	..... 6			

Total number of visits and inspections: 1,633

Defects and/or nuisances:

- (i) Discovered — 256
- (ii) Remedied — 170

Notices served:

- (i) Informal — 83
- (ii) Statutory — 9

Notices complied with:

- (i) Informal — 56
- (ii) Statutory — 2

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The Bolton Corporation is the statutory water undertaker for the Urban District, although certain functions are carried out within the area by the Makerfield Water Board.

There are three sources of supply to the district.

The north-western portion of the district, that is the area adjacent to Butcherfield Row and part of Haigh Road, is supplied from Wilderswood Reservoir at Blackrod. This supply is pumped to Aspull by the Makerfield Water Board.

Properties at Pennington Green and Hall Lane derive their supply of water from the reservoir at Rivington via the Liverpool aqueduct.

The remaining parts of the district receive the Thirlmere supply provided by Bolton Corporation.

All premises with Aspull receive a piped supply from the public mains. During the year 48 new dwellings were connected to the public supply.

The water is soft upland surface water and laboratory reports indicate that it is fit for drinking and all domestic purposes.

The combined fluorine content varied between 0.021 and 0.10 parts per million.

The following table show the number of samples of fully treated water taken during the year.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS			CHEMICAL ANALYSES		
Results			Results		
No.	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	No.	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
6	6	NIL	4	4	NIL

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

A survey has been completed by a firm of Consultant Engineers on the existing sewerage system in the Bolton Road and Hall Lane area.

The new sewer, with a diameter varying from 12 ins. to 21 ins., will run for a distance of approximately 3 miles to connect with the existing sewer in Cale Lane.

When this work is completed quite a large area of land will be made available for house building, etc., which was previously unuseable.

The sanitary accommodation in the district at the end of the year was:

Number of fresh water closets	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,759
Number of pail closets	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Number of privy middens	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The two conveniences in the area, New Springs and Finger Post, continue to be the target for vandals. It seems almost impossible to protect these facilities and much time and money is spent in maintaining them at a reasonable standard.

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are no licensed caravan sites within the district.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

There are two factory chimneys in the district and no action has been found necessary during the year.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are no registered premises within the district.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are none in the district.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

During the year 21 houses were treated for cockroaches, ants or silverfish using Pybuthrin.

Quite a large number of Council Houses on the Hilton Estate have hawthorn hedges and these were severely affected by an infestation of the Small Ermine Moth (*Yponomeuta Padella*).

These small greyish-white moths lay eggs in groups in late July and August and each egg mass may contain 50 eggs. They are yellow at first but gradually darken to resemble the colour of the bark. The caterpillars are blackish-grey with darker spots and feed on the young leaves in the Spring. Towards the end of May large webs are spun until June or July when the cocoons appear.

Hedges which are attacked over a period of years will deteriorate and can be killed.

We were able to destroy the caterpillars by spraying with Trichlorphon (Dipterex 80).

RODENT CONTROL

One man is employed part-time on rodent control work.

During the year 269 visits were made to premises in this connection, dealing with 117 infestations of rats and 20 infestations of mice. This shows a decrease of 9 infestations on the previous year.

The presence of rats or mice, or even the suspicion of such, should be reported immediately to the Public Health Inspector, as an early notification will often lessen the task of the rodent operative.

During May and June 174 manholes on the public sewerage system were baited. There were only 3 complete 'takes' and 2 partial 'takes' and subsequent baiting of these manholes and adjacent ones revealed no further 'takes.'

TABLE SHOWING DETAILS OF RODENT CONTROL WORK

	Type of Property				
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Non-Agricultural All other (including business premises)	Total	Agricultural
Number of properties in District	8	2630	384	3022	21
Number of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification	0	52	4	56	2
(b) Survey or otherwise	3	50	NIL	53	0
Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	10	269	20	299	18
Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:—					
Rats:					
Major	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Minor	1	104	6	111	3
Mice:					
Major	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Minor	0	20	2	22	NIL
Number of infested properties treated by the L.A.	1	124	8	133	1
Total treatments carried out, including re-treatments	1	124	8	133	4
Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

SCHOOLS

Schools are visited periodically in connection with refuse collection, rodent control, washing facilities and sanitary accommodation.

It is difficult to believe that in the year 1968 all schools have not such necessary facilities as indoor sanitary accommodation and particularly adequate wash hand basins with hot and cold water.

The task of teaching personal hygiene is made very difficult by the lack of these facilities at a time when the children are at their most formative years.

Whilst progress is being made in the provision of equipment in school kitchens one of the major difficulties is the inadequate size of some of our kitchens.

The only answer appears to be the provision of suitable buildings but this is controlled by finance.

HOUSING

As it is some years since the Honsing Waiting List was last brought up to date a detailed survey was carried out in which all persons with outstanding applications were contacted and asked to complete new application forms.

The survey showed that the number of applicants on the Honsing Waiting List at 31st December, 1968 was 92. In addition to this 34 Council House Tenants have submitted a request for an exchange of houses.

As we were unable to build any Council Houses during the year Slum Clearance was minimal. Five houses were closed and three of the families allocated Council Houses.

Plans for the re-development at the Top Lock Area have been finalised and it is hoped to commence building as soon as possible in 1969.

This will be only the start of serious Slum Clearance in Aspall which we hope will gather momentum with the building of Council Houses in the Scot Lane Area in the near future.

HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of new dwellings erected during the year:

(i)	By Local Authority	.....	.....	.....	NIL
(ii)	By other Local Authorities	.....	.....	.....	NIL
(iii)	By other bodies or persons	.....	.....	.....	48 houses

1.—INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Acts	.....	.....	.....	.....	130
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	.....	.....	.....	.....	318
	(c)	Number of dwellings in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	.....	.....	.....	.....	83
(2)		Total number of dwellings existing at end of year, occupied or not, which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which:					
	(a)	Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made (at any time)	.....	.....	.....	.....	16
	(b)	Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made (estimated)	.....	.....	.....	.....	328

2.—HOUSES DEMOLISHED IN CLEARANCE AREAS:

	<i>Houses Demolished</i>	<i>Displaced during year Persons</i>	<i>Families</i>
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	NIL	NIL	NIL
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	NIL	NIL	NIL
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act, 1957	NIL	NIL	NIL

Not in Clearance Areas:

(4)	As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	.....	.....	.....	NIL	NIL	NIL
(5)	Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	.....	.....	.....	2	4	1
(6)	Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	.....	.....	.....	NIL	NIL	NIL
(7)	Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	.....	.....	.....	NIL	NIL	NIL

3.—UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED:

(1) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 and Section 26 Housing Act, 1961	5	11	3
(2) Under Sections 17(3) and 26. Housing Act, 1957	NIL	NIL	NIL
(3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	NIL	NIL	NIL

4.—UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED:

	<i>By Owner</i>	<i>By Local Authority</i>
(1) After informal action by local authority	56	NIL
(2) After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts	2	NIL
(b) Housing Act, 1957	NIL	NIL
(3) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	NIL	NIL

5.—UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE: (Housing Act, 1957)

	<i>No. of Houses (1)</i>	<i>No. of seprate dwellings contained in Col. (1) (2)</i>
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Position at end of year:

(1) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Section 48	NIL	NIL
(b) Under Section 17(2)	NIL	NIL
(c) Under Section 46	NIL	NIL
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53	NIL	NIL

6.—PURCHASE OF HOUSE BY AGREEMENT:

	<i>No. of Houses (1)</i>	<i>No. of occupants of houses in Col. (1) (2)</i>
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year	NIL	NIL

RENT ACT, 1957

There have been no applications and a reduction in number of queries appertaining to the Rent Act, 1957.

7.—HOUSING ACTS: IMPROVEMENT GRANTS, ETC.

No applications were received for Improvement Grants during 1968.

Of the twenty applications received from owner occupiers for Standard Grants during the year, 16 were for the full standard and 4 for the reduced standard and all were approved.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of refuse has been maintained during the year with the exception of the July and September holiday weeks.

The number of paper sacks in use was increased during the year by the purchase of plastic bins for containing the paper sacks. Apart from being more economical than the freestanding wire sack holders the life expectancy is greater and they are of a more pleasing appearance.

This means that approximately 50% of our refuse is now collected in paper sacks with a resultant reduction in noise, spillage and dust loss when the refuse is put into the vehicle.

In my opinion this method of refuse collection is the most advantageous as a new clean paper sack is provided weekly, which reduces smell and also helps to eliminate breeding facilities for flies, etc.

The refuse collection team consisted of a Driver/Foreman, 5 Loaders and a man engaged on the refuse tip.

As a result of negotiations with the refuse team and the National Union of General and Municipal Workers the Council were able to conclude a Productivity Agreement which resulted in the reduction in the number of loaders from 5 to 3 and the payment of a bonus of approximately 20% of their basic pay.

This agreement was confirmed by the Department of Employment and Productivity in December, 1968 and the scheme is to commence on the 4th January, 1969.

Household furniture and other unwanted articles are still being deposited in various parts of the district.

Apart from the fact that our countryside is spoiled it is quite unnecessary, as we will arrange for the collection of domestic articles without charge to the occupier.

A new Massey Ferguson tractor/loader was purchased which is coping with refuse disposal quite efficiently.

Tipping is almost completed at the Haigh Road Tip and we are indeed fortunate to have another site available within easy reach of Aspull at Toddington Delf.

It is unfortunate that tipping here is restricted to the winter months as I feel sure that controlled tipping could be continued throughout the year without nuisance to adjacent properties.

During the summer months more than adequate precautions are taken on fly control by the use of various insecticides and baiting for rats is carried out during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

Lancashire County Council are the responsible Authority for issuing milk licenses.

No Ministry investigation by the Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food was found necessary during the year as a result of tuberculous milk.

One sample of milk examined for Brucellosis gave a positive result on the Milk Ring Test.

The farmer was informed and his Veterinary Surgeon isolated the animals affected.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are no slaughterhouses in the district.

Butchers obtain their supplies from abattoirs situated in neighbouring areas.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Given below are details of samples obtained in the Aspull Urban District, under the provision of the above Act, during 1967.

A total of 32 samples were obtained comprising 16 milks (one of which was a Channel Islands milk) and 16 others as follows:—

1 Omelette Mix	1 Creamed Semolina Milk
1 Semolina	Pudding, canned
1 Aspirin Tablets B.P.	1 Vegetable Oil Shortening
2 Bacon	1 American Lard
2 Biscuits	2 Rum
2 Whisky	2 Brandy

After submission for examination to the County Analyst all the above samples were reported as being genuine.

The following articles of food was voluntarily surrendered as unfit during the year:

Gammon	.....	.....	.....	1 x 10lb. tin.
Ox Tongue	.....	.....	.....	1 x 4lb. tin.

Food condemned is collected by the Authority and suitably buried on the refuse tip.

The following is a list of food premises within the district:

TYPE OF BUSINESS:

General grocers and provision dealers	32
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	6
Meat shops (butchers, perveyors of cooked and preserved meat, tripe, etc.)	6
Bakers and/or confectioners	9
Fried fish shops	7
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream, etc.	9
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and other similar establishments	27
The number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, was as follows:	
Premises for the storage and retail sale of ice-cream	26
Preserved foods, etc., premises	5

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Routine inspections of food premises and mobile shops have continued during the year.

35 visits have been made for this purpose.

**ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT, ETC.) REGULATIONS,
1959 and 1963.**

There are no ice-cream manufacturers in the area.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961. (Part 1)

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	9	NIL	NIL	NIL
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outwork- ers premises)	4	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL... ..	13	NIL	NIL	NIL

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particu.ars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Overcrowding (S.2)...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Unreasonable temper- ature (S.3)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Inadequate venti- lation (S.4)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(b) Unsanitary or de- fective	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(c) Not separate for sexes	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Other offences against the Act (not inclu- ding offences rela- ting to out-work-	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS, 1928 and 1936.

Thirteen licences to store petroleum spirit were renewed during the year.

